

British and Russian Ambassadors Advise Foreign Minister at Tokio.

MUST STICK TO FIRST REQUESTS

Otherwise Powers Will Find Diplomatic Negotiations Difficult.

WASHINGTON ACTS INDEPENDENTLY

Informs Mikado That Certain Requirements Violate U. S. Treaties with China.

Peking, China, March 17.—Official information reached Peking to-day that

the Russian and British ambassador at Tokio called on Baron Takuaki Kato, Japanese Foreign Minister, on Saturday.

day, and informed him that if Japan persisted in pressing upon China demands beyond those contained in her original communication to the new

It is understood that on the same day the United States will have

day the United States, acting independently, although possibly after consultation with another power, informed the Japanese government that certain of the Japanese demands were not

consonance with treaty agreements between China and the United States. American and British opinion throughout China is in concord, voiced privately, semi-officially and

the press. Meetings have been held in which the Japanese demands have been discussed, and protests have been sent to their respective governments by American and British associations.

The opinion is expressed by Chinese and foreign diplomats that a substantial proportion of her demands will be withdrawn by Japan, because of the attitude of the powers who have called China's attention to the fact that she

The Japanese Minister to China, E. Hiocki, sustained injuries yesterday by a fall from a horse, and his condition is reported as serious.

Tokio, Japan, March 17. The "Osaka Jiji" has published an interview with Premier Count Okuma, during which the Japanese statesman said he was

the Japanese statesman said he expected good results from the negotiations going on at the present time with China. The Premier said among other things that Germany was instigating China against Japan, but that the result would be futile. He said that

Russia secured Constantinople it was his opinion that she would be content to abandon her ideas of obtaining a outlet in the Orient.

The Premier spoke strongly of the changed attitude in the United States

Steps Taken by United States.

Washington, March 17.—It is admitted by State Department officials that since the beginning of the negotiations between China and Japan, the United States government has quietly been exerting its influence to have the Japanese demands ameliorated and

These representations have been made in Washington to the Japanese Ambassador, as well as in Tokio and

Peking. Officials here have refrained from making public any of the various steps the United States has taken in the course of these negotiations to safeguard American interests. Regarding the situation as delicate, they preserved the same attitude to day.

That the British and Russian ambassadors have served any such notice upon Japan as that her future diplomatic relations with the two countries

would be jeopardized by her persistence in certain demands upon China was believed to be a rather strong statement of the facts, though the officials admitted lack of information. In the best posted diplomatic quarters

ters there was no confirmation of any joint British-Russian representation at Tokio of the nature indicated from Peking. One dispatch from Tokio received here to-day dealt with other matters, but made no mention of such representations. Moreover, the al-

is made that strong influences are at work both at Peking and Tokio to stir up animosity between Japan, Great Britain and the other Allies, and there is a disposition among the diplomats of the allied powers to attribute

parts of joint Anglo-Russian representations as growing out of feeling adverse to the Allies.

No Concerted Action.

It was also stated that there had been no consultation between the American

and British governments regarding the effect of the proposed Japanese demands upon existing treaty obligations. Officials also declined to confirm the statement that representations had been made to the authorities at Tokyo.

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